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C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 3961

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID, JO, IS, US
SUBJECT: MAQARIN DAM

REF: STATE 160126

1. AMBASSADOR PRESENTED COPY OF USG APPROVED DRAFT WORKING PAPER (REFTEL) ON JULY 16 TO OMAR ABDULLAH, PRESIDENT OF JORDAN VALLEY AUTHORITY WHO IS PRINCIPAL GOJ OFFICIAL HANDLING WATER RIGHTS ISSUE. AMBASSADOR OUTLINED US INTEREST IN OBTAINING GOJ AGREEMENT TO THE DRAFT AS SOON AS CONVENIENT, WHICH WOULD THEN BECOME THE BASIS FOR USG PRESENTATION OF THE WORKING PAPER TO GOI.
2. ABDULLAH READ PAPER CAREFULLY AND OTHER THAN FOR SOME TECHNICAL POINTS MENTIONED BELOW, INDICATED HIS GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE DOCUMENT.
3. ABDULLAH CAUTIONED THAT HE WILL NEED TO REFER WORKING PAPER TO PRIME MINISTER AND OBTAIN FORMAL GOJ AGREEMENT TO ITS CONTENTS. ABDULLAH ASKED AND AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT HE WOULD ALSO BE PRESENTING PAPER TO CROWN PRINCE DURING COMING FEW DAYS.

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4. ABDULLAH'S ONLY TWO COMMENTS ON TEXT OF PAPER WERE PRELIMINARY AND TECHNICAL IN NATURE: (1) IN C. "THE WEST BANK" SENTENCE TWO HE SUGGESTED FOR ACCURACY ADDING "AND ZOR" MAKING THE ... "TO REVIEW WEST BANK (WEST GHOR AND ZOR) AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL,....(2) IN THE FINAL SENTENCE ALSO OF SECTION C. "THE WEST BANK", HE SUGGESTED THE ADDITION OF "AND ON THE ADJACENT SLOPES TO THE EAST." THIS

MAKES THE CLAUSE READ "EXPLORE FURTHER THE AVAILABILITY OF GROUND WATER RESOURCES IN THE EAST GHOR AREA AND ON THE ADJACENT SLOPES TO THE EAST." THIS ADDITION WAS INTENDED TO INDICATE GOJ WILL NOT BE CONFINING SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL GROUND WATER ONLY TO EAST GHOR BUT WILL ALSO INVESTIGATE SOURCES IN ADJACENT SLOPES TO THE EAST.

5. WITHOUT SUGGESTING ANY CHANGE IN LANGUAGE, ABDULLAH ALSO EVINCED CURIOSITY AS TO BASIS OF 2.3 CMS FIGURE FOR USE DURING DRY MONTHS PERIOD, INDICATING THIS FIGURE WAS NOT NEW TO HIM BUT HE WONDERED WHERE IT HAD ACTUALLY COME FROM. GOJ'S PREVIOUS PRACTICE WAS THAT 2/3 OF FLOW PLUS 1 CMS WENT TO JORDAN AND 1/3 OF FLOW MINUS 1 CMS WENT TO ISRAEL (I.E., 5 CMS TO JORDAN AND 1 CMS TO ISRAEL OUT OF 6 CMS). AMBASSADOR SAID THAT ISRAELIS HAD SUGGESTED THIS FIGURE (2.3 CMS PER MONTH) AS WHAT THEY WERE INTERESTED IN GETTING TO US SOME TIME AGO.

6. WE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP ACTIVELY WITH GOJ ON THIS SUBJECT IN NEXT FEW DAYS.
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